

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing media in a communication network, the method comprising:

generating a request from a first location to receive media from a non-broadcast channel provider;

providing at least one of payment and authorization information to said non-broadcast channel provider; and

receiving said media from a storage location other than said non-broadcast channel provider.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting a representation of said transferred received media in at least one of a media guide and a channel guide at said first location.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising consuming said received media at said first location.

4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising requesting that said received media be transferred from said storage location to a second location.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising transferring an identifier of said second location to said non-broadcast channel provider.

6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising presenting a representation of said transferred received media in at least one of a media guide and a channel guide at said second location.

7. The method according to claim 4, wherein said media is consumed at said second location.

8. The method according to claim 4, wherein said non-broadcast channel provider authorizes said storage location to transfer said media to at least one of said first location and said second location.

9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising searching said non-broadcast channel provider for information related to said media according to said generated request.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting said received media for consumption.

11. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for providing media in a communication network, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

generating a request from a first location to receive media from a non-broadcast channel provider;

providing at least one of payment and authorization information to said non-broadcast channel provider; and

receiving said media from a storage location other than said non-broadcast channel provider.

12. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for presenting a representation of said transferred received media in at least one of a media guide and a channel guide at said first location.

13. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for consuming said received media at said first location.

14. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for requesting that said received media be transferred from said storage location to a second location.

15. The machine-readable storage according to claim 14, further comprising code for transferring an identifier of said second location to said non-broadcast channel provider.

16. The machine-readable storage according to claim 14, further comprising code for presenting a representation of said transferred received media in at least one of a media guide and a channel guide at said second location.

17. The machine-readable storage according to claim 14, wherein said media is consumed at said second location.

18. The machine-readable storage according to claim 14, wherein said non-broadcast channel provider authorizes said storage location to transfer said media to at least one of said first location and said second location.

19. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for searching said non-broadcast channel provider for information related to said media according to said generated request.

20. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for selecting said received media for consumption.

21. A system for providing media in a communication network, the system comprising:

at least one processor that generates a request from a first location to receive media from a non-broadcast channel provider;

said at least one processor provides at least one of payment and authorization information to said non-broadcast channel provider; and

said at least one processor receives said media from a storage location other than said non-broadcast channel provider.

23. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor consumes said received media at said first location.

24. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor requests that said received media be transferred from said storage location to a second location.

25. The system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one processor transfers an identifier of said second location to said non-broadcast channel provider.

26. The system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one processor presents a representation of said transferred received media in at least one of a media guide and a channel guide at said second location.

27. The system according to claim 24, wherein said media is consumed at said second location.

28. The system according to claim 24, wherein said non-broadcast channel provider authorizes said storage location to transfer said media to at least one of said first location and said second location.

29. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor searches said non-broadcast channel provider for information related to said media according to said generated request.

30. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor selects said received media for consumption.

31. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is at least one of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, a media exchange software processor and a media peripheral processor.